Electrification of villages in Bihar

1463. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of loans given by REC to the Bihar State Electricity Board for electrification of villages, since 1980-81;

(b) how many villages have been declared electrified by the State Government of Bihar, and;

(c) the number of villages so far electrified?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) Details of year-wise loans disbursed by Rural Electrification Corporation to Bihar State Electricity Board (BSEB) for rural electrification programme since 1980-81 is as under:-

Year	Amount (Rs. in Lakhs)
1980-81	1328
1981-82	1900
1982-83	2162
1983-84	2526
1984-85	2394
1985-86	2703
1986-87	3016
1987-88	3010
1988-89	4206
1989-90	4552

Year	Amount (Rs. in Lakhs)
1990-91	2641
1991-92	1144
1992-93	377
1993-94	289
1994-95	588
1995-96	-
1996-97	-
1997-98	147
1998-99	-

(b) and (c) Accordingly, information sent by Bihar State Electricity Board to Central Electricity Authority, out of 67,513 total inhabited villages in Bihar (1991 census), 47,851 villages have been electrified as on 31st August, 1999.

Disconnection notice by NTPC to Bihar and West Bengal

1464. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) has issued disconnection notice to Bihar and West Bengal for failing to clear their dues;

(b) if so, the details of the dues including surcharges etc. from each State Electricity Board to the NTPC as per the latest information available; and

(c) the reasons for sending notices selectively to Bihar and West Bengal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The outstanding dues payable by various State Electricity Boards (SEBs) as on January 31, 2000 are Rs. 12190.11 crores including surcharge of Rs. 4363.73 crores as per details given in the Statement (*See* below).